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DEDICATION.

To Endeavorers who find
  Roentgen rays within their mind,
Penetrating Matter's shell,
  Seeing Spirit's nut as well,
Do I dedicate this ode—
  This ideal ray cathode,
As a little souvenir
  Of your pleasant visit here.

—THE AUTHOR.

WASHINGTON, JULY 8, 1896.

THE START.

We started forth one lovely Summer morn—
My Uncle The' and I, to view the grand
Old Capitol, whose symmetries adorn
Not only Washington, but all our land.

My uncle was a kind old man, whose face
Was sunny as the Spring—tho' Winter's snow
Had capped his head and fell in lines of grace
About his neck. Across his pensive brow
Three furrows found their way—no work of care,
But wrought by meditation; and his eye—
While earnestness and dignity were there,
Yet beamed with genial, harmless pleasantry.

"And have you ne'er this noble building seen?"
He asked me, as along the street we strolled;
"And know you not what 'Capitol' may mean?"
For I was but a lad, just twelve years old,
A stranger in the city, who had come
To visit at my uncle's pleasant home.

"The word implies '*head building!*' For 'tis there
The country's head is:—there the thinking 's done,
The dangers seen, and heard the people's prayer,
The scenting out of evil carried on,

The people's voices uttered. Thus, you see,
'T has brains, and eyes, and ears, and nose, and mouth,—
And therefore called—a head!"

As Uncle The'
Stopped speaking, there approached a poor, uncouth,
Blind negro, following an urchin's lead,
Who for a few small alms began to plead.

THE BOOK.

"I see that in your outward eyes you're blind,"
Said Uncle The' as to the man he turned
To grant the favor. "But I hope your mind
Sees what with outward eyes is not discerned."

"Indeed it does, Sir; and 'twill not be long
Before I'll have no further need of eyes,"
The old man answered.

As we passed along
I saw—in one of his deep reveries
That I had often noticed—Uncle The'
Had closed his eyes. But presently he sighed
"How great a thing it is, my son, to see!"

"I know it uncle," shyly I replied.
"But yet," in slow and thoughtful tones, said he,
"How great a thing it is, my son, to *see!*

"For everything you see, my child, 's a *Book*,
Where, if you have the vision of the mind,
And carefully within its pages look,
You'll much of wisdom, much of beauty find.

" But only when you know the language used
Can any book with profit be perused.

"*Imagination* is the dialect
In which these object books their truths reflect."

"This language is an easy one to learn,
And all you need, to learn it, is—to *think*.
No other foreign tongue would let you drink
Of so much pleasure, or such truth discern."

"Why, Uncle, you imagination call
A foreign tongue!"

"And so it is, my son,
To many people, satisfied to crawl
Along the same ruts, as they've always done."

"They think of nothing higher, more sublime,
Than daily work to earn their daily food.
They see no noble end toward which to climb,
No work of usefulness; no lasting good.

"They spend their lives in getting means to live,
And then do nothing with the lives thus earned;
Forgetting that true life 's that time we give
To things in which eternity 's concerned.

"But let me see how well you understand
This 'foreign tongue,' imagination. List!
That blind old man, led by that 'rchin's hand—
It was a book: can you its sense untwist?"

"No, Uncle, but I'd like to learn," I said.

"Then hark:—In this kind, as in every book,
The title page should be the first thing read;
Then at the contents table we should look;
And then begin to read.

"It seems to me
The title-page of this Book, read aright,
Runs thuswise; 'Leading: Showing what things we
Ourselves must have, if we would lead to light
A brother lacking spiritual sight.'

"And next, the chapter-headings thus progress,
As noted on the contents-table: 'Eyes;
A knowledge of the way; our willingness;
The Led One's confidence—which underlies
His following and our faithfulness implies;
Our actual contact, and our gentleness."

THE BUILDING.

But here the Eastern Front was plainly seen,
And lo! in bold relief against the sky,
There stood the noble edifice,—serene
Embodiment of grace and majesty.

"How beautiful!" involuntarily
Exclaimed my uncle as we caught the gleam
Of graceful dome, of marble purity,
Of fluted shafts, and flowing steps, that seem
Like some volcano's spreading lava stream,
Or overflowing bowl of richest cream!

"And yet 'tis more than beautiful,—'tis strong:—
In fact,—it is a *Book*, that will explain
How we may build our lives, that, mid the throng
Of them that perish swift, we shall remain.

"And thus it runs:—Like builders are all we;
Our lives, as houses built by masons' toil.
Each day we add a little,—it may be
Of pure white marble, wood, or filthy soil.

This noble building, then, your model make,
If you would have your edifice endure:
And this first wholesome lesson from it take—
To build with *patience;* so you build but *sure!*

What though you do build little in a year,
So that your little is but built to *stay!*
What if your building does take loug to rear—
'Twill take far longer for it to decay!

"And build for *greatness!* Mankind's greatest sin
Is pettiness! Then let your soul expand
Till it becomes so high it enters in
To heaven's lofty thought and motives grand;

So *long* it reaches forward far beyond
This present world's ephem'ral vanity;
So *broad* it reaches out its loving bond
Of sympathy to all humanity.

"And may you also from your model learn
To keep a well-marked *purpose* full in view;
And often to a studied *plan* to turn,
That you rear not your edifice untrue.

"But be your purpose worthy of your toil!
Your plan projected by the Golden Rule!
Lest all your work the future should despoil
And all your fond, ambitious hopes befool.

"And, would you have your building stand the storms
That blow alike on all, you must, forsooth,
Dig deep beneath the surface of mere forms
And rest upon the solid ground of *truth!*

"But do not start without a *Corner-stone*
If you would build it with impunity
And not, at last, behold your house o'erblown
For lack of aught to give it unity.

"And would you have your building *fire-proof*
That day when fire each man's work shall try?
From wood, and hay, and stubble keep aloof,
And build in only that which makes for aye!

"But build for *beauty*, not for strength alone!
That like your model so your life may be:
Imposing, noble, regular, a-tone,
Attractive, graceful, pure and blemish free—
Within, 'all glorious,' lovely, fair to see.

"Yet, let not beauty interfere with *strength!*
Too slender shafts would break beneath their stress.
Be gracious; but be not so to the length
Of doing wrong for sake of graciousness.

"And finally, alike your model here,
Your house is set upon a hill, alone,
Whereon it can be seen from far and near—
From 'Vistas' least suspected and unknown!
Then build a life you would not blush to own.

"And see! Though verdure partially may screen
Our noble Capitol from human sight,
No barrier above can intervene
To hide its loveliness from heaven's height!

"So, though surroundings partially may hide
Your life from those about you, yet no screen
Can cover it from heaven, whence espied
Is all its beauty—all its evil seen.

"Thus ends the book entitled 'builders: We.'
And this its closing text: 'Let every man
Take heed *how* he buildeth!'

Uncle The'
Then led me off, the pleasant grounds to scan."

THE GROUNDS.

We trod the spacious court and felt at ease
In luxury of room! Felt too how small
And insignificant we were, as by degrees
Throughout its thousand feet we'd slowly crawl,
Not seeming to approach the end at all.

And as we rested on a lengthy seat
Of parti-colored stone, said Uncle The'
"These grand dimensions always seem replete
With hints of heaven—infinite and free!

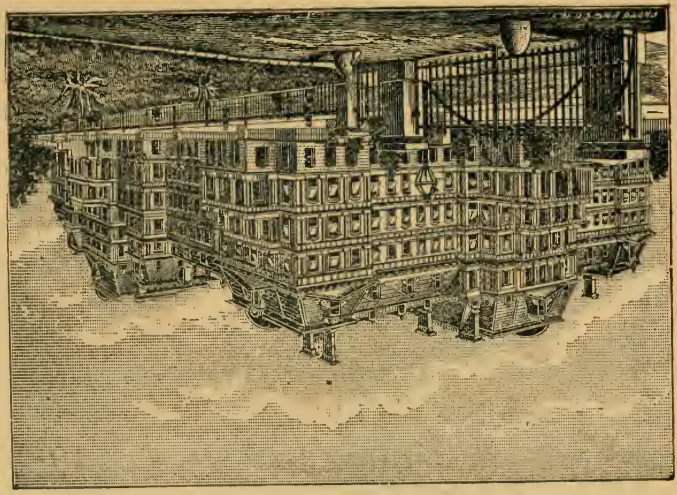
Where each soul has sufficient room to move
At liberty, where none is cramped or bound;
Where fullest scope for our spontaneous love,
And action, and development, is found

"And what a contrast do the grounds now show
In cleanliness and beauty, to the view
But little more than twenty years ago,
Of fenced-in common, and of dust that blew
And covered all things with a tawny hue!

Improve! Although with what you have content,
Be nevermore content with what you are.
You owe it to the cause you represent,
Its glory to enhance and not to mar.

"Replace dead dust with fresh and vernal life.
Take down your railing of exclusiveness.
Let peace and beauty take the place of strife;
Ambition fall before diffusiveness.

"Cut off sharp corners. Change your shortest way
To curves of mindfulness of others' weal
Let your sublime and beautiful array
Your Great Designer's symmetry reveal."



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Hamline Church, corner of 9th and P Streets, N. W.

Grace Chapel, corner of Ninth and S Streets, N. W.

Fourth Street Church, Fourth St. between South Carolina Ave. and G. St., S. E.

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Assembly's Church, corner of 5th and I Sts., N. W.

Sixth Church, 6th St. near Maryland Ave., S. W.

Western Presbyterian Church, H St. between 19th and 20th Sts., N. W.

Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, corner of Fourth and B Sts., S. E.

North Presbyterian, N St. between 9th and 10th Sts., N. W.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 7th St. between D and E Sts., S. W.

Reformed Presbyterian, 1st St. between N and O Sts. S. W.

Central Presbyterian, corner of 3d and I Sts. N. W.

Eastern Presbyterian, 8th St. between F and G Sts., N. E.

Gurley Mission, Boundary near 7th St., N. W.

West Street Presbyterian, between Congress and High Sts., Georgetown.

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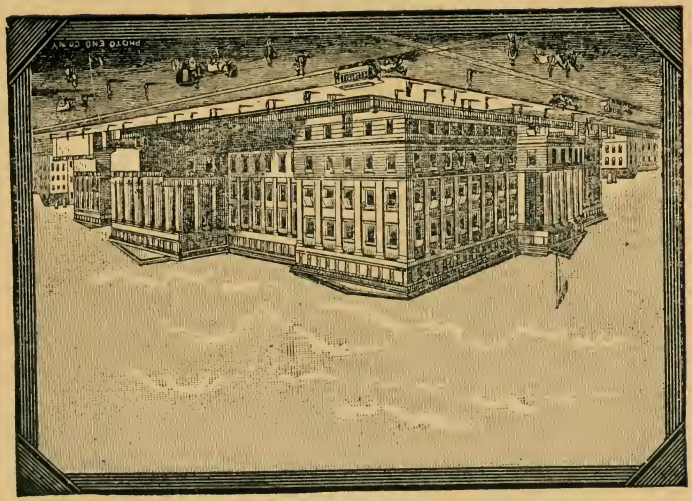

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Interior Department, in Patent Office.

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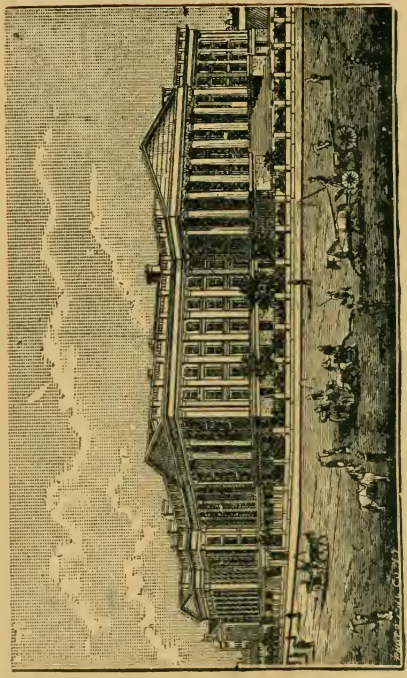

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